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CONSTITUTION MAKERS

New Mexican Urges Choosing Men of Character to Frame Proposed Constitution.

NEW MEXICO HAS RIGHT MEN

Citizens of Territory Who Have Been Members of For Constitutional Conventions.

The following timely and able editorial is taken from Thursday's issue of the Santa Fe New Mexican:

The importance of having men of the highest character chosen as members of the Constitutional Convention, is recognized by all. In the performance of this duty the new state is entitled to the services of its most able, intelligent and experienced citizens.

The New Mexican is glad to know that New Mexico contains a large number of men who are competent for this work. Especially among the newer set of its public men there are many who have given careful study to the science of government, and there are several who have held office in other states and bring the experience of various systems. Among native New Mexicans there are men who have an intimate acquaintance with local conditions which will be very valuable in the practical features of the work. All elements are necessary in the convention, in order that there may be the fullest knowledge on every subject involved.

The Territory has also some citizens who have already had experience in constitutional work, which will be valuable now, and it is of them that this paper speaks especially today.

At least two citizens of New Mexico have had experience with constitutions in other states. Honorable Henry L. Waldo, who always carefully preserves his New Mexico citizenship as a resident of Las Vegas, saw his first public service as a member of a Constitutional Convention in California, before settling in New Mexico, and has always retained a high reputation as a constitutional lawyer. Honorable L. Bradford Prince is known in New York as the father of the constitutional amendments of 1874 in that state. He introduced the bill for the Commission which formulated them and had charge of them in the legislature during both sessions required for their passage, and then wrote the explanatory pamphlet used throughout the state in the campaign for their adoption by the people.

Of the Constitutional Convention of 1890 about a half yet survive; and their experience will be valuable now. That convention consisted of seventy-five members, but a number of them especially from Taos, Valencia, Rio Arriba and Socorro, attended very little, if at all, so that the work was practically done by fifty men. One of the most valuable members, Judge Warren Bristol, died before the adjourned session of the convention in August 1890. Since then R. Haberland, B. S. Rodey, J. A. Whitmore, L. R. S. Paulin and R. M. White have left the Territory; and many of the most prominent members, including Colonel Chavez, the President, have died.

But among the survivors are the following, who took an active and influential part in the proceedings, and whose good work should not be forgotten: E. S. Stover, Alejandro Sandoval, Marcos C. de Baca, Perfecto Armijo, A. C. Voorhees, E. W. Fox, Martin Lohman, C. B. Eddy, T. W. Heman, Mateo Lujan, Trinidad Romero, J. M. C. Chavez, Aniceto Abeytia, T. B. Catron, F. W. Clancy, Nicholas Galles, D. C. Winters, Manuel C. de Baca, J. G. Clancy, Jefferson Reynolds, Edward Henry, G. W. Prichard, W. H. Shupp, Frank Springer, W. E. Kelley, Demetrio Perez, E. A. Dow, and Patrocino Luna.

Of those who made the active campaign in favor of the constitution in 1890, nearly all are dead. Honorable L. B. Prince

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Hold Their Regular Quarterly and Attend to Business of Unusual Importance.

The following is the continuation of the publication of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting beginning July 2:

Levies for raising funds for county purposes were fixed as follows:

COUNTY LEVIES.	
General fund	5 mills
School fund	2 mills
Court fund	6 mills
Road fund	1/2 mill
Court house and jail repair fund	1 mill
Interest fund	7 mills
Wild animal bounty fund	6 mills
For territorial purposes	14 mills
Special territorial levy on cattle	2 1/2 mills
On sheep	5 mills

CITY LEVIES.

Interest on water bonds	8 mills
General expense	2 mills
School	5 mills

Dionicio Baca was appointed janitor of the court house, vice Quirino Baca, resigned.

It was resolved to pay \$5,000 of the county's bonded indebtedness out of moneys on hand available for that purpose.

The sale of the old tin taken from the roof of the court house was authorized. The price accepted was \$15.00, the proceeds of the sale to be credited to the court house and jail repair fund.

A new precinct was created, to be known as precinct No. 33, and to have the following boundaries: Commencing at the northwest corner of township 3 south, range 3 east; thence east to the intersection of the eastern boundary line of Socorro county; thence south following the said eastern boundary line of said Socorro county to a point 12 miles south of the first standard parallel south; thence west to the southwest corner of township 7 south, range 3 east of the N. M. P. M.; thence north along said township line to the northwest corner of township 6 south, range 3 east; thence east to the northeast corner of said last named township; thence north 12 miles; thence west six miles; thence north 12 miles to the place of beginning.

It was provided that such precinct No. 33 should be in full force and effect upon the petition of 50 residents of such proposed precinct.

A new precinct was created, to be known as precinct No. 29, and to have the following boundaries: Bounded on the east by the Rio Grande, on the north by the north boundary line of the Bosque del Apache grant, on the west by the west boundary line of the Bosque del Apache grant, on the south by the south boundary line of the Bosque del Apache grant; provided that such precinct No. 29 should be in full force and effect upon the petition of 50 residents therein.

Commissioners Eduardo Jaramillo and Alfredo Armijo voted in favor of the creation of these two precincts and Commissioner Abran Contreras voted against their creation.

The District Clerk was authorized and instructed to pay to A. A. Sedillo and H. M. Dougherty as attorneys' fees 20 per cent of the amount paid upon the judgment against the La Joya grant in case No. 4093.

T. J. Matthews, manager of the Socorro Telephone Co., was granted a fifty year franchise to construct telephone lines along all public roads, streets, alleys, and highways in the county, outside the limits of incorporated towns.

By resolution it was agreed to accept \$3,506.45 in satisfaction of all delinquent taxes against the Bosque del Apache grant, now owned by the Socorro Company, for the years 1899 to 1904 inclusive. Out of the proceeds of such taxes for the years 1899, 1900, and 1901, Dougherty and Sedillo were allowed \$100 and W. E. Kelly \$187.11 as attorney's fees.

José E. Torres was allowed \$9.68 against the general fund of 1904 and the last quarter of 1905 for stamps, but the account was not paid for lack of funds.

TEACHER'S INSTITUTE

Is Now in Session in This City for the Counties of Socorro and Sierra.

WITH A LARGE ATTENDANCE

President C. M. Light of the Silver City Normal School is Doing Good Work

The teacher's joint institute for Socorro and Sierra counties began a well attended and interesting session in the second ward school building of this city Monday morning.

Superintendent José Antonio Torres of Socorro county called the institute to order at nine o'clock. Mr. Torres was elected chairman of the institute and upon assuming the duties of his position addressed the assembled teachers briefly but forcibly, congratulating them on the fact that he had secured an educator of so high standing as President C. M. Light of the Silver City Normal School to act as the conductor of the institute, and exhorting them to regular and painstaking attendance. Superintendent Frank L. Garcia of Sierra county was elected vice-president. Mr. Garcia thanked the institute in eloquent terms for the honor conferred. Martin Lopez was elected to the position of secretary.

Professor Hiram Hadley, territorial superintendent of public instruction, visited the institute Tuesday and delivered an address at the morning session and again at the afternoon session. Professor Hadley spoke in very complimentary terms of the excellence of the official work being done by Socorro county's present superintendent of schools.

Doctor Light is doing excellent work as conductor of the institute. All in attendance are taking a lively interest in the work and the sessions are consequently of great interest.

The total enrollment this week numbers thirty-five, as follows:

SOCORRO COUNTY

Della L. Harris, Della M. Schmidt, Rose H. Schmidt, Manuelita Lopez, Barbarita Chavez, Martin Lopez, Ciriacio Jajola, Maximo B. Baca, Vivian J. Baca, Pedro A. Vigil, J. A. Baca, E. M. Chavez, Jno. J. Zimmerman, R. W. Twining, P. A. Marcellino, Juan M. Baca, Bessie James, Florencio Jiron, David Flores, Avelino Lopez, Jose M. Lopez, Donaciano Cordova, Sosteno Aragon, J. N. Romero, Romualdo Gonzales, W. Roach, and Miss Annie Aitken.

SIERRA COUNTY

Mabel Mae Parks, Maud C. Hager, Antonio T. Chavez, Frank Sanchez, Jacobo Sanchez, Benjamin A. Luchino, Lillie Chavez, Florence L. Miller, Jessie Hoy.

La Joya Jottings.

Doña Josefa Baca de Contreras left by Thursday's passenger for Ceboyeta, her home. She was quite pleased with her visit here.

Father Moog celebrated mass here on last Sunday and christened both the babies of Messrs. E. A. Contreras and Hilario Gonzalez.

Don Tomas Cordova, with his wife, leaves this week for Abo to visit with his son-in-law Paulin Carrillo and family, who live at that place.

If only Captain Matthews could in some way connect us with the outside world by telephone, we would yet be happy. We pray it may happen.

Makes sensible people laugh to see some Socorroans fly from the wrath to come on account of the recent shakes. Such fliers do a lot of harm to a town.

The county school superintendent, Hon. J. A. Torres, has appointed two new school directors here, Messrs. Leopoldo Contreras and Lorenzo Salas.

Don Leopoldo Contreras returned from his sheep ranches on Wednesday. He reports sheep, cattle, and horses doing well. They have good grass and abundance of water.

Oats, oats, oats for sale at Geo. E. Cook's livery stable.

THE SCHOOL OF MINES

Board of Trustees Meet and Elect Members to Fill Vacancies in the Faculty.

IMPORTANT CHAIRS ARE FILLED

Professor Harry N. Eaton, Geologist, and Professor R. V. Smith, Metallurgist.

The Board of Trustees of the School of Mines held a meeting in the office of Secretary and Treasurer C. T. Brown last Saturday principally for the purpose of filling vacancies in the faculty of the institution. Their deliberations resulted in the election of Professor Harry N. Eaton of New York to the chair of Geology and Professor R. V. Smith of the University of Utah to the chair of Mining and Metallurgy. Professor R. W. Twining was re-elected principal of the preparatory department.

Professor Eaton is a graduate of Colgate University and a post-graduate student of Harvard University. During the past year he was an instructor at the latter institution in the department of geology. Professor Smith has had considerable practical experience in his line. He was at one time assayer and later, manager for the Consolidated Gold Mines company of Tuscarora, Nevada. He has had experience also in the copper smelters and cyanide plants of Utah.

Both men come highly recommended. They will doubtless greatly increase the efficiency of the instruction afforded at the School of Mines.

MAYOR BURSUM STILL DOING

Is Now Engaged in Grading around the Plaza and Will Soon Straighten Streets.

Mayor Bursum is still doing things for the benefit of Socorro. Now that he has assured the city of a largely increased supply of water and put the water system into the best possible condition, all at his own expense, he is giving his attention to the streets. His first step in this direction has been to give Doctor Kittrell a contract to cover the sand about the plaza with a heavy layer of adobe and to improve conditions there otherwise. Mr. Bursum has contributed a large part of the expense for this improvement from his own pocket and has raised the rest by subscription from the business men of the city. His next step will be to straighten Bernard street, between the plaza and the Catholic church, and the north side of Fischer avenue along the plaza. Messrs. Jas. G. Fitch and Abran Abeytia have agreed to give the city as much of their adjacent property as may be necessary to make these improvements. Mayor Bursum has still other schemes in mind for Socorro's improvement. They will reveal themselves at the proper time.

W. S. Fullerton, brother of the ex-captain of the mounted police, arrived in the city this morning from his ranch in the Datil mountains. He reports stock conditions in that part of Socorro county as being in excellent condition and said that in his opinion the stockmen would enjoy a prosperous season. "While there has not been so very much rainfall in our district," said he, "there is still plenty of water and grass, as a result of the heavy snowfalls last winter. The waterholes are full, and the ranges are in fine condition. On the whole we have nothing to complain of. Sheep are faring as well, also." Mr. Fullerton spent the day here and will return to his ranch tomorrow.—Albuquerque Citizen.

Hon. H. O. Bursum returned Wednesday morning from a visit of two or three days in Albuquerque. As Mr. Bursum was reported to be in consultation with some of the leading political lights of the territory, it is probable that there was something doing in the political line.

CHIEFTAIN COMPLIMENTED

The Paper Not in the Least Disturbed by the Small Matter of Earthquakes.

During Socorro's recent earthquake experiences, when many other papers were printing a lot of false and sensational stuff well suited to injure this city and all New Mexico as well, the Santa Fe New Mexican stood loyally for the good name of the Gem City and the Sunshine Territory and denounced the exaggerations and fabrications of irresponsible and reckless correspondents. The following much appreciated compliment to the Chieftain will serve as a sample of the New Mexican's utterances: "Considering the fact that Socorro experienced during the week just closed from fifty to sixty earthquake shocks, several rather severe ones, the New Mexican feels constrained to congratulate the Socorro Chieftain upon its very creditable appearance of last Saturday. The seismic disturbances made no difference in the brightness of the effective editorials, in good local news and other contents of the paper. The difficulties, the nervousness and the uncanny feeling which prevailed among the people did not affect the editorial force nor the printers nor the appearance of the paper to any extent. Pluck and courage are always admirable and grand. These qualities were certainly exhibited by the Chieftain force and the people of the Gem City generally during the trying ordeal which recently visited them."

The above and foregoing is all very well, and duly appreciated, but the man to whom credit is due for the appearance at all of the Chieftain during those terrifying times of seismic disturbances is Anton Mayer, publisher and part owner of the paper, who stood at his post of duty, and attended to business, only leaving the building when the most severe shocks came, while the rest of the force, with other badly frightened citizens, sat in the park, or sought other places of safety and waited for "the clouds to roll by."

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Marriage licenses have recently been issued in the office of Probate Clerk B. A. Pino to the following named persons:

Matias Bustos, aged 21 years, and Gregorita Romero, aged 16 years, both of Carthage.

Isais Romero, aged 25 years, and Estanislada Bustos, aged 16 years, both of Carthage.

Abran Chavez, aged 22 years, of Canada Alamosa and Lizzie Higgins, aged 16 years, of Socorro.

Robert Barnes, aged 24 years, of San Marcial and Sadie Shafer, aged 18 years, of Socorro.

Dr. F. A. Jones, the mining engineer, has just finished a special report on the bullion output of New Mexico for the year 1905 to the treasury department of the United States. The doctor says that the output for the year 1905 shows a healthy increase over the year 1904, which indicates an increased activity in the territory.—Albuquerque Citizen.

Fresh fruits in season at Winklers.

MAYOR BURSUM DENIES

The Sensational Earthquake Reports Spread by Irresponsible and Reckless Parties.

CITY IN NORMAL CONDITION

Preparations under Way for a Thirty Room Hotel in the Near Future.

Mayor H. O. Bursum of Socorro spent the day in the city, looking after business matters of a personal nature, says the Albuquerque Citizen. In conversation with a citizen representative Mayor Bursum said:

"As far as the earthquake conditions are concerned there has been nothing new beyond that learned by your special correspondent sent there last week. We had a couple of exceedingly light tremors there Saturday, but they could hardly be felt and did no damage whatever. The report that hardly a house in the town is safe to live in I denounce as utter rot and untrue. Your correspondent made a personal inspection of almost every house in the town, as I know, and his story of the facts is true in every particular."

Mayor Bursum stated that the work of drilling into the mountain to open up more of the springs which furnish the town with water was still going ahead, the tunnel now being in about 200 feet, and several additional sources of supply being opened up. He stated that preparations were under way for the opening of a thirty-room hotel there in the near future, the property in view fronting on Bernard street, near the park. The town has resumed its normal state in every way and the few who left the town on account of the numerous shocks have all returned with the exception of those who left for their summer's vacation.

FROM CAPT. GEO. H. PETTIS

Hon. W. E. Martin Receives a Letter Concerning Statehood and Quakes.

Hon. W. E. Martin received an interesting letter the first of the week from Capt. Geo. H. Pettis, who was a warm personal friend of Mr. Martin's father nearly fifty years ago. Captain Pettis will be remembered by the old-timers of Socorro county. He now resides at Providence, Rhode Island, where he is State Sealer of Weights, Measures and Balances. Following is his letter to Mr. Martin:

Providence, R. I., July 20, 1906. Wm. E. Martin, Esq., Socorro, New Mexico.

My Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading your excellent article in the New Mexican Review of July 12th, on the joint statehood matters that are just now perplexing my friends way off in New Mexico. Every expression of your article meets with my most cordial approbation. I too have been "against joint statehood, first, last, and all the time." But your reasons for adopting it now are the best that have been promulgated, as far as I have read.

The papers yesterday told of a serious earthquake that had occurred in your town. I sincerely hope that it is not as bad as was reported. Please send me any papers that you may have giving the full particulars. Remember me to any old timers who may recollect me. I am,

Very respectfully,
GEO. H. PETTIS.

EARTHQUAKE SCARE IS OVER

The City of Socorro Has Suffered but Very Little Material Damage

The earthquake scare is over. Socorro still experiences a slight tremor occasionally, but the seismic disturbance has evidently just about ceased. No serious material damage was done, although the sensational reports spread abroad by reckless newspaper correspondents have doubtless done the city and the territory at large an amount of harm from which it will take them a long time to recover.

Fresh vegetables at Winkler's.

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